

in chapter twenty-four of volume one of the Consolidated Statutes and statutes passed amending the same, shall have the powers and duties prescribed in this act.

Semi-monthly meetings.

Adjournment from day to day.

Meeting may be omitted.

Special meetings.

Notice of special meetings.

Pay for regular meetings.

Limit of special meetings.

Meetings open.

Quorum.

Election of chairman.

Temporary chairman.

Section of Consolidated Statutes repealed.

SEC. 2. *Meetings.* That the board of county commissioners in Craven County shall hold a regular meeting at the courthouse in the county on the first and third Monday of each month, and may adjourn from day to day until the business before it is completed. If the business of the county does not require the meetings on both the first and third Monday in each month, the board may omit the meeting on the third Monday of any month. Special meetings may be held at other times at the call of the chairman, on the written request of one member of the board; and notice of such special meetings shall be given by a notice posted at the courthouse door for not less than six days and also published once in a newspaper, if there is any paper published in the county. The board shall receive the compensation fixed by law for all regular meetings, and for not more than six special meetings during any year.

Every meeting shall be open to all persons, and a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum. At the first regular meeting in December of each year the board shall choose one of its members as a chairman for the ensuing year; and in his absence at any meeting, the members present shall choose a temporary chairman.

That section one thousand two hundred and ninety-six of volume one of the Consolidated Statutes is hereby repealed and the foregoing section substituted therefor.

PRESERVING THE TAXABLES OF THE COUNTY

Levying taxes.

SEC. 3. *Levying Taxes.* That subsection two of section one thousand two hundred and ninety-seven, of volume one of the Consolidated Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Levying taxes.

The board of county commissioners of each county shall, after the valuation of real and personal property has been completed, in each year as provided by law, at any regular or special meetings in the months of July or August, levy such rate of tax for general county purposes as may be necessary to meet the general expenses of the county, not exceeding the double of the State tax as fixed by law, except by special legislative authority, and also such rates for other purposes as may be authorized by law.

Limit of tax.

Changes in assessments.

SEC. 4. *Changes in assessment of property.* That the board of county commissioners is authorized, in addition to the power as a board of equalization in the quadrennial assessment of real property and the assessment of personal property for taxation, to equalize the assessed value of any property at the regular